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SUBJECT:DEFERRAL OF KOREA ITEM AT 31ST UNGA

REF: A) SEOUL 7044; B) USUN 3578; C) STATE 219341

1. DEPARTMENT VIEWS RE DEFERRAL REMAIN AS STATED REF C. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE FIRM EMBASSY HANDLING OF CHUNG ON THIS.
2. AS ROKG AWARE SOME IN CORE GROUP ARE ALREADY EXTREMELY SENSITIVE ABOUT US AND ROK ACTING INDEPENDENTLY. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE KEEP DISCUSSIONS ON DEFERRAL WITHIN CORE GROUP CONTEXT AND THAT WE MAINTAIN FIRMEST CORE GROUP SUPPORT. DO NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE THIS BY ANY PRECIPITATE, UNCOORDINATED ACTIONS.

3. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC MOFA QUERY RE DISCREET DIRECT SOUNDINGS OF JAKARTA AND KL, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DEFER THIS UNTIL AFTER WE ASSESS RESULTS SEPT. 8

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CORE GROUP MEETING.

4. FYI: IF MOFA INSISTS ON EARLY INFORMAL APPROACH TO
INDONESIANS AND MALAYSIANS, WE WOULD RELUCTANTLY ACQUIESCE

AS LONG AS IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT APPROACH IS INFORMAL,
UNILATERAL ONE BY ROKG ALONE AND DOES NOT GIVE IMPRE-
SSION THAT ROKG AND ITS ALLIES HAVE ALREADY REACHED
FIRM DECISION ON DEFERRAL. END FYI.

5. AMBASSADOR MAY DRAW ON ABOVE IN MEETING WITH FONMIN.

6. FOR PRESENT, EMBASSY SHOULD RESTRICT INFO
ADDRESSEE TO USUN NEW YORK.

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